Delay of flights

†1876. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of national and international flights that arrived late and took off late in December, 2007 and January, 2008;

(b) the reasons for delay of flights;

(c) the total loss incurred due to delay in flights; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure no delay in flights and to avoid inconvenience to the passengers in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Stipulation of crew limit

1877. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) norms stipulate three sets of crew for each aeroplane but Indian carriers are keeping five sets;

(b) if so, whether all carriers would be asked to strictly follow the DGCA norms;

(c) whether Air India, Indian and Air India Express are following the prescribed norms; and

(d) if so, the total strength of crew members and number of aircrafts on active service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) As per Civil Aviation Requirements Section 3, Part II issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), there shall be sufficient number of flight and cabin crew but not less than three sets of crew per aircraft. This is, however, the minimum requirement which is to be met by all operators. There is no restriction for employing more than three sets of aircrew.

(c) and (d) Air India has 688 pilots for 36 aircrafts, Indian Airlines has 782 pilots for 72 aircrafts and Air India Express has 123 pilots for 17 aircrafts.

Losses to Air India and Indian Airlines

1878. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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